

Bennett Memorial Park Information

It is the policy of the Parks and Recreation Department and The Board of Selectman to encourage the use of the Bennett Property for the use of the Bethel community and/or organizations. We also welcome non-residents to use the facilities for an additional fee. Bennett Memorial is owned by the Town of Bethel and as such is open to the general public. Your rental fee provides for the use of the kitchen facilities, indoor room, pavilion, indoor and outdoor bathrooms and outdoor cooking areas. It DOES NOT provide for the exclusive use of the property and pond. Generally speaking, if “someone” sees that there is an activity going on at the facility, they respect that use and leave the property.

General Information for Reserving the Park:

You must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in an amount of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate providing bodily injury and property damage coverage naming the Town of Bethel as an additional insured and hold harmless the Town of Bethel, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks & Recreation Commission from liability, property damage arising out of your use of the Town’s facilities.

Failure to obtain appropriate insurance will result in the loss of your rental fee and reserved date. **This Certificate must be in our office two (2) weeks prior to your event.** Without the required insurance you cannot rent the facility.

****You MUST put Town of Bethel as additional insured on certificate****

2020 Rental Fees – Applications will be accepted beginning **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** at 8:30 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation office. **Please note price increase.**

Weekday Rental	M-F	\$250.00 - Bethel Residents
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$275.00 - Bethel Residents (over 125 in attendance*)
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$350.00 - Non-Residents
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$400.00 - Non-Residents (over 125 in attendance*)
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$100.00 - Scouts only
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$300.00 - Bethel Residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$325.00 - Bethel Residents (over 125 in attendance*)
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$450.00 - Non-Residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$500.00 - Non-Residents (over 125 in attendance*)

All non profits will pay the Bethel rates.

We reserve the right to establish a security/cleaning deposit higher than the standard \$275 rate and implement the requirement to hire a police officer for traffic control.

Application Fees are non-refundable.

Security/Cleaning/Key Deposit: Your \$275 key/security deposit is refunded once the facility has been checked and left in good condition and key is returned the following day or the Monday after a weekend event.

If police are called for noise, you will lose your deposit.

Municipal Center Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00-4:30, Thursday 8:00-6:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00

Use of the Facilities:

- The switches for the lights are located in the kitchen and are so marked. All switches are to be turned off before leaving the premises.
- You should bring your own materials for clean-up (dishtowels, detergents, soaps, plastic garbage bags, etc.) **Small containers for collection of refuse are not provided, only a commercial container for final clean-up.**
- Before leaving the park, be sure all indoor rooms/kitchen/restrooms are cleaned, picnic tables are wiped off, the pavilion floor is swept and all garbage and debris is placed in plastic bags and disposed of in the commercial refuse containers. Recyclable items are to be removed from the park and properly disposed of by the organization using the facility.

General Rules and Regulations:

- Renters are allowed to enter the property no earlier than 7:00am the day they have rented. Renters are NOT allowed on premises prior to 7:00am.
- If a DJ is on site and/or just music being played the sound should be lowered to a reasonable level by 9:30p.m. **If police are called, deposit is forfeited.**
- There are NO outside grills or fire pits allowed.
- There are NO inflatables or petting zoos allowed.
- The town of Bethel will not assume responsibility for food, beverage or any other articles left anywhere on the premises either before or after your use of the park.
- Wading or swimming in the pond is strictly prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be immediately ejected from the park.
- No person shall smoke, use tobacco, or use vaping products at any Parks and Recreation facility or associated parking lots, including, but not limited to Bennett Park.
- Please contact 203-744-7900 if any problem exists on arrival, if you have any problems during your event (i.e. stove, sinks, bathrooms), and just prior to locking up that you are leaving the park.
- Organizations or individuals failing to comply with any of the above regulations will be denied future use of the Bennett Memorial Park.

BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK APPLICATION

Office Use Only

Rental Fee Paid: _____ Check#: _____ Card: _____ Cash: _____
Insurance Certificate Received: YES _____ NO _____ Parks & Rec. Director: _____
Key Deposit Collected: YES _____ NO _____ Security/Cleaning Deposit Collected: YES _____ NO _____
Date Key Returned: _____ Security Returned: YES _____ NO _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Describe Activity Planned: ***Please note WEDDINGS/RECEPTIONS are not permitted***

Date Requested: _____

Hours of Use: _____ Estimated Attendance: _____

Is Activity Open to General Public? YES _____ NO _____ Is Admission Being Charged? YES _____ NO _____

Insurance: A certificate of Liability Insurance **naming the town of Bethel as an additional insured** in the amount of \$1,000,000 is required. Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation office two weeks prior to event. In the event that you reserve a date and then are unable to obtain the appropriate insurance, your fee is non-refundable.

Agent: _____

Submitted with application? YES _____ NO _____

I (We) have read the policies and regulations promulgated by the Board of Selectman regarding the community use of the Bennett Memorial Park and, as duly authorized agent for this organization; I (We) agree to abide by them. Further, we understand that Bennett Memorial Park is owned by the town of Bethel and as such is open to the general public. Your rental fee provides for the use of the kitchen facilities, indoor room, pavilion, bathroom facilities and outdoor cooking areas and does NOT provide for the exclusive use of the property and pond. Your rental fee is non-refundable.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE KEY TAKEN

SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING KEY

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